# Radiations and their interaction with matter

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Compton scattering, discovered by Arthur Holly Compton, is the inelastic scattering of a photon by a charged particle, usually an electron. It results in a decrease in energy (increase in wavelength) of the photon (which may be an X-ray or gamma ray photon), called the Compton effect. Part of the energy of the photon is transferred to the recoiling electron. Inverse Compton scattering exists, in which a charged particle transfers part of its energy to a photon.



Momentum of a massless particle is related to its energy by the formula

$$E = pc$$

Since the energy of a photon is hv, its momentum is

$$p = \frac{E}{c} = \frac{hv}{c}$$

Initial momentum = final momentum

$$\frac{hv}{c} + 0 = \frac{hv'}{c}\cos\phi + p\cos\theta\dots\dots(1)$$

and perpendicular to this direction

Initial momentum = final momentum

$$0 = \frac{hv'}{c}\sin\phi - p\sin\theta\dots\dots(2)$$

Multiplying Eqs. (1) and (2) by c and rewrite them as

$$hv - hv'\cos\phi = pc\cos\theta$$

 $hv'\sin\phi = pc\sin\theta$ 

By squaring each of those equations and adding the new ones together, the angle  $\theta$  is eliminated, leaving

$$p^{2}c^{2} = (hv)^{2} - 2(hv)(hv')\cos\phi + (hv')^{2}\dots\dots(3)$$

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Next we equate the two expressions for the total energy of a particle

$$E = K + m_0 c^2$$
  

$$E = \sqrt{p^2 c^2 + m_0^2 c^4}$$
  

$$or \left(K + m_0 c^2\right)^2 = \left(p^2 c^2 + m_0^2 c^4\right)$$
  

$$or \ p^2 c^2 = K^2 + 2m_0 c^2 K$$

Since K = hv - hv'

#### We have

$$p^{2}c^{2} = (hv)^{2} - 2(hv)(hv') + (hv')^{2} + 2m_{0}c^{2}(hv - hv')$$

By substituting this value of  $p^2c^2$  in Eq. 3, we have finally obtain

$$2m_0c^2(hv - hv') = 2(hv)(hv')(1 - \cos\phi)....(4)$$

This relationship is simpler when expressed in terms of wavelength rather than frequency. Dividing above equation by  $2h^2c^2$ 

$$\frac{m_0 c}{h} \left( \frac{v}{c} - \frac{v'}{c} \right) = \frac{v}{c} \frac{v'}{c} \left( 1 - \cos \phi \right)$$

And so, since v/c=1/ $\lambda$  and v'/c=1/ $\lambda$ ',

$$\frac{m_0 c}{h} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda'} \right) = \frac{1}{\lambda \lambda'} (1 - \cos \phi)$$
  
or  $\lambda' - \lambda = \frac{h}{m_0 c} (1 - \cos \phi)$ 

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The wavelength of the scattered photon is given by well known Compton shift formula

$$\lambda' - \lambda = \frac{2h}{m_e c} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

It is based on two assumptions(i) electron is free and(ii) electron is at rest.

First assumption: Valid if  $\hbar \omega_1 >> E_B$ Second assumption: Too simplified since electrons in a solid have a continuous distribution of momenta.

### Compton scattering in real materials



In a.u.  $e = \hbar = m = 1$ , c = 137.0361 a.u.  $= 1.99 \times 10^{-24} \text{ kg m sec}^{-1}$ 

#### Compton scattering in real materials

For real type of material, it is found that the Compton shift  $\Delta\lambda$  can be given

as

$$\Delta \lambda = \frac{2h}{m_0 c} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2(\lambda_1 \lambda_2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{p_z}{m_0 c}\right) \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$
Recoil term Doppler term
$$\int \frac{2h}{m_0 c} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \int \frac{2(\lambda_1 \lambda_2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{m_0 c} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} p_z} \quad \text{The Compton profile can be considered as the Doppler broadening of the Compton shifted line.}}$$

#### **Compton profile**

If  $\psi(\vec{\mathbf{r}})$  is the electron wave function in position space, then electron wave function in momentum space can be derived as

$$\chi(\vec{p}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\hbar)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int \psi(\vec{r}) \exp\left(-i\frac{\vec{p}.\vec{r}}{\hbar}\right) d^{3}\vec{r}$$

Conversation of energy and momentum (in a.u.) dictates as:

$$\vec{k}_1 + \vec{p}_1 = \vec{k}_2 + \vec{p}_2$$
$$\omega_1 + \vec{E}_1 = \omega_2 + \vec{E}_2$$

#### **Compton profile**

In Compton scattering, only scattered particle is detected, therefore:

$$\Delta \omega = \omega_2 - \omega_1 = E_2 - E_1 = \frac{(\vec{k} + \vec{p}_1)^2}{2m} - \frac{p_1^2}{2m} = \frac{|\vec{k}|^2}{2m} + \frac{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{p}_1}{m}$$
  
For solids, the electron momentum density  $\vec{\rho(p)}$  is  
$$\rho(\vec{p}) = \sum |\chi_i(\vec{p})|^2$$

Then Compton profile is calculated by  $J(p_z) = \iint \rho(\vec{p}) dp_x dp_y$ 



Wave function Ψ(r) of 6s electrons of Nd

Corresponding Compton profile  $J(p_z)$  of 6s electrons of Nd

#### Use of Compton scattering

#### **Physics and Chemistry:**

Electronic structure of materials; i.e.
 Metals: Electronic states, Fermi surface topology
 Alloys : Charge transfer, Fermi surface topology, bonding, etc.
 Compounds : Bonding, charge transfer, structural parameters, etc.

#### **Biology:**

✓ Bone mineral density (BMC)

✓ Protein bonding in HIV positive and Plague, etc. affected patients.

✓ Cancer tissues

Others: Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Electrical/ Electronics Engineering, Mining......

## **TECHNIQUES**

Incident photon:

- 1. X-rays (Cu K<sub>a</sub>, Mo K<sub>a</sub>, Ag K<sub>a</sub>)
- 2. γ-rays (<sup>241</sup>Am, <sup>137</sup>Cs, <sup>123</sup>Te, <sup>51</sup>Cr, <sup>198</sup>Aυ)
- 3. Synchrotron radiation
- Detection system:
- 1. Scintillation detectors
- 2. Solid state germanium detectors

## LIMITATION OF X-RAY COMPTON SPECTROMETER

- Lack of mono-energetic X-rays source
- Low energy of incident radiation
- Small ratio of Compton to photoelectric cross-section
- Time consuming
- Low resolution, controlled by the size of slit

ADVANTAGES OF γ -RAY COMPTON SPECTROMETER RELATIVE TO X-RAY METHOD

- Highly monochromatic
- Wide range of incident energy radiation based on choice of radioisotopes.
- Better resolution

#### HOW TO DESIGN COMPTON SPECTROMETER



## **Design Criteria**

- 1. Selection of source
- 2. Biological shielding of source
- 3. Maximum possible Compton count rate
- 4. Best possible resolution
- 5. Maximum possible scattering angle
- 6. Maintenance conditions
- 7. Data collection
- 8. Data processing

#### Lavout of first Indian 20Ci <sup>137</sup>Cs Compton spectrometer in Udaipur



R L. Ahuja, M. Sharma, S. Mathur, Nucl. Instrum. & Meth. Phys. Res. B 2006) 419–426 Ahuja, R. Joshi, J. Sahariya, J. Exp. Nanosci., iFirst (2012) 1-8.

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#### First–ever lowest intensity 100 mCi <sup>241</sup>Am Compton spectrometer



Ahuja ,V. Sharma, A. Rathor, A. R. Jani and B. K. Sharma, Nucl. Instrum. Med. Phys. Res. B 262 (2007) 391-398 23

#### Possible gamma-ray sources

<u>Source</u>	Half life	Energy	Remarks
<u><sup>241</sup>Am</u>	432.2 yrs.	59.54 keV	Long half life
<sup>198</sup> Au	2.7 days	412 keV	Very short half life, possible near nuclear reactor
<sup>51</sup> Cr	27.70 days	320 keV	Very short half life & very expensive
<sup>123</sup> Te	104 days	159 keV	Very short half life & very expensive
<u>137<b>Cs</b></u>	30 yrs.	661.65 keV	Very high energy

#### **Biological shielding of source**













#### Laboratory view of Compton spectrometers

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20Ci <sup>137</sup>Cs Spectrometer

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#### 100mCi <sup>241</sup>Am Spectrometer

#### Data visualization <sup>137</sup>Cs Compton spectrometer



## Representative Raw Data (CdS) using <sup>137</sup>Cs Compton spectrometer



# Representative Raw Data (CdS) using <sup>241</sup>Am Compton spectrometer



#### Control of disturbing factors: Data







Magnetic Compton Scattering – a recipe for looking at spin-density in ferromagnets

**High Energy Beamline** 

Synchrotron Radiation Facility Multi-element HPGe Detector Sample Mounted in Magnet

Scattered Beam

170º Backscatter

Applied Magnetic Field Parallel or Antiparallel To Scattering Vector

Off-Orbit by ~ 0.2 mrad Incident Beam ~ 30-300 keV

Inclined View Method used to obtain elliptically polarised x-ray light

> ...an unambiguous way to measure the spin component of magnetisation

Experimental set-up for MCP at Y. Kakutani, Y. Kubo, A. Koigmi, N. Sakal, <u>B. L. Ahuja</u> and B. K. Sharma, J. Phys. Soc. Japan 72, 599 (2003).



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## Magnetic Compton Spectrometer: SPring-8,



#### **Experimental Features**

- Sample size : Approx. 1.2 mm x 1.2 mm x 3.0 mm
- Beam size : 1.1 mm x 1.1 mm
- Incident energy (Si 620 reflection) : 175 keV
- Scattering angle : 178°
- Magnetic field in the sample : + - + + + ------

where + and – represent the relative directions of magnetic field and [+ being parallel]

- Switching time : 3 to 6 sec
- Dwell time : 60 sec

(Peak brightness : 1.378 x 10<sup>17</sup> ph.s<sup>-1</sup>.mrad<sup>-1</sup>.mm<sup>-2</sup> per 0.1% BW from elliptical multipole wiggler) <sup>38</sup>

#### How to extract MCP?



**Channel Number** 

#### **Data Correction**

- Beam decay correction
- Background correction (cancels in MCP)
- Absorption correction
- Cross-section correction
- Multiple scattering correction (Small: may not be required)

#### **Representative fitting of MCP**



$$\sum \left[J_{mag}^{CFGO}(pz) - pJ_{mag}^{CO}(p_z) - q_{mag}^{Fe}(p_z) - rJ_{mag}^{Gd}(p_z) - sJ^{diffuse}(p_z)\right]^2$$

 $p_z$ 

